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FACT SHEET

ICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Major Initiative Results

Financial and Trade Investigations

- ICE's financial and trade investigation initiatives target schemes that criminal organizations use to earn, move and store their illicit funding.
- Working with the private sector in a two-way information-sharing partnership, ICE has conducted more than 850 outreach presentations to more than 8,500 private sector representatives nationwide to share information on financial and trade investigations, including meetings with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.
- ICE has conducted 63 training sessions in anti-money laundering techniques for the benefit of more than 6,600 foreign and domestic law enforcement, judicial and private sector representatives.
- The USA PATRIOT Act has allowed ICE to more aggressively pursue money launderers and other criminals that pose a threat to the U.S. financial and trade systems.

Operation ICE Storm

- Operation ICE Storm was launched in October 2003 to combat violent human smuggling rings operating along the Southwestern border, with a special focus on Arizona.
- Since October 2003, nearly \$5.5 million has been seized from illegal smugglers in the Phoenix area.
- Intelligence has led to the new LAX initiative in Los Angeles to expand efforts to combat human smuggling. This initiative is a multi-agency enforcement effort to curb human smuggling activity at the Los Angeles International Airport; to interdict and arrest suspected smugglers; and to gather additional intelligence about smuggling methods.
- ICE Storm is working. The number of guns seized from smugglers in the Phoenix area plunged by more than 60 percent since operation ICE Storm began and the homicide rate has decreased 45 percent from the second quarter of 2004 as compared to the second quarter of 2003.

Operation Predator

- Operation Predator is a comprehensive initiative designed to protect young people from alien smugglers, human traffickers, child pornographers and other predatory criminals.
- More than 4,100 sexual predators have been apprehended since July 2003.
- More than 1,500 sexual predators have been deported since July 2003.
- ICE has made the first six arrests in the nation under the PROTECT Act for sex tourism.

- The USA PATRIOT Act has provided ICE with the necessary legal tools to effectively combat crimes committed online and electronically, providing ICE a new avenue through which to pursue predators and child pornographers.

SEVIS

- The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a web-based program for collecting, maintaining and managing information about international foreign students, exchange visitors and their dependents during their stay in the United States.
- As of September 2004, nearly 839,000 non-immigrant foreign students and exchange visitors were registered under SEVIS to study in the United States.
- More than 8,800 colleges, universities, exchange programs and other institutions have registered for the program.
- Since August 2003, initial analysis of SEVIS records flagged more than 36,600 records for potential violations of immigration status. As a result of a rigorous vetting process, nearly 1,900 credible leads were ultimately referred to ICE field agents for further investigation. These investigations resulted in 187 arrests, demonstrating that the investigative process is both streamlined and effective.
- SEVIS transitioned to 100% on-line registration in August 2003.
- SEVIS was one of only 15 government systems, out of 150, to be recognized by the E-Gov Institute's Government Solutions Center for best practices in improved operations.

Divisions/Programs

Federal Protective Service (FPS)

- The mission of FPS is to provide law enforcement and security services to more than 8,800 federal buildings nationwide that receive more than one million tenants and visitors daily.
- In the past year FPS seized thousands of weapons and prohibited items and made more than 4,000 arrests.
- FPS has provided support to law enforcement operations at more than 3,000 venues, including the G8 summit in Georgia, the Super Bowl in Houston and World War II Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C.
- Due to increased Homeland Security threat levels, FPS deployed additional personnel and resources to both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions to provide additional security and a strong law enforcement presence at federal buildings in the immediate area of the conventions.
- FPS has successfully implemented the Adam Alert. The first use was a case where a young girl was reported missing in a federal building. She was located and reunited with her parents within seven minutes of being missing.

Federal Air Marshals Service (FAMS)

- Responsible for protecting air security and promoting public confidence in our nation's civil aviation system through the deployment of Federal Air Marshals in order to detect, deter and defeat hostile acts targeting U.S. air carriers, airports, passengers and crews.
- Provided commercial air security to seven national special security events in 2004 and Presidential foreign travel support missions.
- Opened Australia, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama and Ireland to FAM missions and assisted the Netherlands, Singapore, Philippines, Korea and Japan in starting Air Marshal programs.
- Logged millions of miles on tens of thousands of domestic flights, ensuring public safety in the air since 9/11.

Detention and Removal Operations (DRO)

- DRO is responsible for public safety and national security by ensuring the departure of all removable aliens from the United States through the enforcement of the nation's immigration laws.
- More than 146,000 criminal aliens have been deported since March 2003.
- More than 13,740 arrests have been made through the National Fugitive Operations Programs since March 2003.
- DRO rolled out an aggressive alternative to detention program called the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) pilot program in eight cities (Baltimore, Philadelphia, Miami, St. Paul, Denver, Kansas City, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon).
- ICE continues to use electronic monitoring devices to ensure there is always adequate detention space for criminal aliens who pose a threat to community safety or national security.

ICE Office of International Affairs (OIA)

- Joint ICE/Mexican Customs training sessions have resulted in bulk cash seizures of approximately \$16.5 million from 37 separate seizures along with 37 arrests in three separate countries with the common thread being the money originated from Mexico.
- Combating human smuggling trends in South America, Ecuador and Mexico where a multi-agency fusion center has been established to coordinate significant human smuggling investigations.
- ICE Attaches have coordinated the investigation of alleged corruption of foreign officials in various countries resulting in seized and repatriated assets.
- ICE Attaches have effected significant Operation Predator arrests throughout the world and were vital to the successful prosecution of the first offenders under the new Child Protect Act.
- ICE Attaches have supported and initiated many significant Arms and Strategic Technology Investigations throughout the world, specifically in Europe and the Middle East, in support of DHS security initiatives.

Arms & Strategic Technology (ASTI)

- Oversees programs designed to prevent terrorists and terrorist organizations, foreign entities, criminal organizations and unscrupulous parties from trafficking in Weapons of Mass Destruction and their components, or illegally obtaining and transferring critical technology and arms to restricted or prohibited persons, groups or nations.
- More than 2,121 criminal investigations have been conducted in the current fiscal year.
- Recent cases have brought a large number of prosecutions involving the illegal exportation of weapons technology to Iran, China and Pakistan.
- Through an industry outreach program called "Project Shield America," ICE's ASTI division is visiting U.S. manufacturers of arms and sensitive technology to educate them about export laws and to solicit their assistance in preventing illegal foreign acquisition of their products. Since late 2001, ICE agents have conducted more than 10,200 industry outreach visits, resulting in tips that have led to hundreds of ICE criminal investigations nationwide and worldwide.

No Safe Haven

- Seeks to deny refuge in the United States to international human rights violators by identifying, investigating, prosecuting and removing them from the country and by preventing violators from entering the country.
- No Safe Haven has made great strides at bringing human rights abusers to justice in the United States.
- Human Rights Legal Division (HRLD) has successfully completed more than 100 cases and is still litigating more than 500 cases.

Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC)

- The LESC provides timely information on immigration status for law enforcement at the federal, state and local levels. Police send electronic queries to the LESC through a national telecommunications system and generally receive a response within 10 minutes.
- In FY 2004, the LESC has responded to more than 603,000 immigration alien queries, an average of 54,800 queries a month.
- Law Enforcement technicians at the LESC answered more than 22,800 calls on the toll-free ICE tipline in FY04.
- The LESC has conducted more than 46,300 Brady Firearms checks on foreign nationals who apply to purchase a firearm in the United States in FY04.
- By the end of August, the LESC had entered 47,337 ICE records into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) bringing the total number of ICE records entered into NCIC to more than 152,000.

For a more complete list of ICE accomplishments, please visit www.ICE.gov.

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